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REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were pending in the application prior to this response. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 5 have been amended herein. Claims 2, 6-9 and 11-18 have been canceled. Claim 10 remains in the application unchanged. New claims 19-24 have been added. Accordingly, after entry of the amendment presented herein, claims 1, 3-5, 10 and 19-24 will be pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested.

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I. Rejection of Claims 1-11 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-11 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mann et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,621,458) in view of Wilska et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,427,078). Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection is requested.

Claims 1-11

Applicants' claim 1, as amended herein, recites the following:

A camera comprising:
a camera body; and
an alarm clock at least partially located within said camera body
and operably associated with said camera;
wherein said alarm clock further comprises at least a first output
device comprising a capture device.

Claim 1 has been amended, as indicated above, to now generally include the limitations previously appearing in dependent claim 9 and intervening dependent claim 2. Claims 2, 6-9 and 11 have been canceled. Claims 3-5 have been amended to provide consistency with the amendment to claim 1.

The Examiner takes the position that it would have been obvious, in view of the teaching in Wilska et al., to provide an alarm clock located within the camera body of Mann et al. Claim 1, as amended, however, now recites not only that the alarm clock is at least partially within the camera body but also that the alarm clock interacts with a specific camera subsystem, i.e., the alarm clock has, as an output device, the capture device of the camera.

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Clearly, neither Mann et al. nor Wilska et al. discloses or suggests this limitation.

Claims 3-5 and 10 are allowable at least as depending from allowable base claim 1. Claims 2, 6-9 and 11 have been canceled.

Claim 17

Claim 17 has been canceled herein.

II. Rejection of Claims 12-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-11 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Mann et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,621,458).

Claims 12-16 have been canceled herein.

III. Rejection of Claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kirigaya et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,682,558).

Claim 18 has been canceled herein.

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IV. New Claims 19-24

New claims 19-24 have been added herein. These new claims are fully supported by the application as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

New independent claim 19 recites the following:

A method comprising:

providing a camera capable of capturing an image of an object,

said camera comprising:

- a plurality of subsystems useable in conjunction with said capturing an image of an object; and
- a memory storage device;

inputting data representative of a selected time of day into said memory storage device; and

upon occurrence of said selected time of day, actuating at least one of said subsystems.

New claim 19 is supported by the originally-filed application with reference, for example, to original claim 12, drawing Fig. 3 and the written specification at page 5, line 15 - page 6, line 13. In general terms, new claim 19 recites actuating a camera subsystem upon occurrence of a selected time of day. As discussed above, with respect to the rejection of claim 1, none of the references of record disclose or suggest this arrangement.

New claims 20-23 depend ultimately from independent claim 19. New claims 20 and 21 are supported by the originally-filed application with reference, for example, to page 6, lines 26-31 of the written specification. New claim 22 is supported with reference, for example, to page 7, lines 3-7 of

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the written specification. New claim 23 is supported with reference, for example, to page 6, lines 17-25 of the written specification.

New independent claim 24 recites the following:

A method comprising:

providing a camera capable of capturing an image of an object,
said camera comprising a memory storage device;
inputting data representative of a selected time of day into said
memory storage device;
upon occurrence of said selected time of day, causing said
camera to capture said image of said object.

In view of the above, all of the claims are now believed to be in
condition for allowance. Re-examination and reconsideration are
requested.

New claim 24 is supported by the originally-filed application with
reference, for example, to page 12, lines 10-21 of the written specification.
New claim 19, again in general terms, recites causing a camera to capture an
image upon occurrence of a selected time of day. As discussed above, with
respect to the rejection of claim 1, none of the references of record disclose
or suggest this arrangement.

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Accordingly, all of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

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